

## Dakota County Library and Autism Spectrum Disorder Survey

In July, 2017, Dakota County Library and Dakota County Social Services Department's Autism Grant Team partnered together to conduct an online survey, which gathered community input and feedback on how Library programs and services can best include people with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The following questions were included in the survey.

What is your zip code? Text box

What is your age in years? Text box

Please indicate your experience with individuals with ASD. Select one.

- I have no experience with ASD
- I am aware of people with ASD, but I do not know them well.
- I have friends and/or family members with ASD.
- I have a child with ASD.
- I am a service provide for those with ASD.
- I am an individual with ASD.

Please indicate your understanding and/or knowledge of ASD. Select one.

- I have never heard about ASD.
- I have heard about ASD, but I do not know much about what ASD is.
- I know a little about ASD, but not as much as others.
- I have an average understanding of ASD.
- I know a lot about ASD, but I am not an expert.
- I have expert level knowledge of ASD.

Have you visited any of the nine Dakota County Library locations? Yes, No, Not Sure

If so, which library branch do you visit most often? Dropdown list of DCL branches.

I am aware of the services Dakota County Library offers? Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree

Have you, your child, or your family attended a Dakota County Library program? Yes, No, Not Sure

My experience with Dakota County Library has been positive. Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree

I feel welcome at Dakota County Library. Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree

Do you think that libraries should integrate people with ASD into existing library programs?  
Yes, No

Please answer and explain. Text box

Do you think that libraries should have specialized programs designed for people with ASD?  
Yes, No

Please answer and explain. Text box

Which of the following collections would be of interest to you and/or your child? Check all that apply.

- Digital and downloadable collections
- Large print books
- High-interest/low reading level books
- Audio books
- Parenting books on ASD
- Books on building social skills
- Adapted books
- Braille books
- Launchpads and touchscreen tablets
- Other (Text box)

What communication methods are most effective for you and/or your family to learn more about Dakota County Library services? Check all that apply.

- Library program guide
- Library website
- Library social media page
- Library eNews
- Email from a librarian
- Newsletter from school
- Newsletter from city or county government
- Newspaper
- Next Door
- Other (Text box)

Would you be interested in using these services if Dakota County Library provided them? Check all that apply.

- Storytimes designed for children with ASD
- Book recommendations about ASD for kids
- Adapted toys or kits for children with ASD
- Programs that help teens with ASD transition to adulthood
- Volunteer opportunities to teens with ASD
- Gaming programs for Teens with ASD
- Social hour programs for teens with ASD
- Programs that help teens and adults with ASD build social skills
- Communication tools and resources about the library (social stories, visual schedules, etc.)
- Book discussion programs for teens and adults with ASD
- Sensory-friendly movie programs
- Job skills programming
- Computer skills programming
- 3D printing and other makerspace technologies
- Classroom or outreach visits from a librarian
- In-person tour of the library building
- Video tour of the library building
- Sensory-friendly before hours library event for people with ASD
- In-library supports, such as noise cancelling headphones or fidgets
- Home library delivery and service
- Assistive technologies, such as screen readers, adapted keyboards, magnifying devices, etc.
- Other (Text box)

What barriers have you experienced in accessing Dakota County Library?

Text box

How could Dakota County Library be improved to be more inclusive to people with ASD?

Text box